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RE: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to protest the pending 2.5 percent rate increase granted to SCE&G for the next decade. They just had a rate hike of 4.4 percent in 2008.

We are outraged at the timing of SCE&G's request for an almost 10 percent rate hike at a time of economic struggle unparalleled since the depression.

As a retired couple on a fixed income, we find this unacceptable.

The situation in Beaufort County, SC, is deplorable. Loss of jobs and no new job growth in the near future places another burden on South Carolina residents who are now financially strapped. Seniors are being nicked and dined out of their retirement benefits.

Your prompt attention in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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